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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: T. HIRATA, et al
Serial No.: Not yet assigned
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For: COMPUTER OPERATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
Group: 2758
Examiner: P. Winder

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 27, 2000

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully
submitted prior to the Rule 53(b) Continuation Application
filed on even date.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert before the first line of the specification
the following:

-- This is a continuation of application Serial No.
09/188,263, filed November 9, 1998. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-8 without prejudice or disclaimer
of the subject matter thereof.

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